



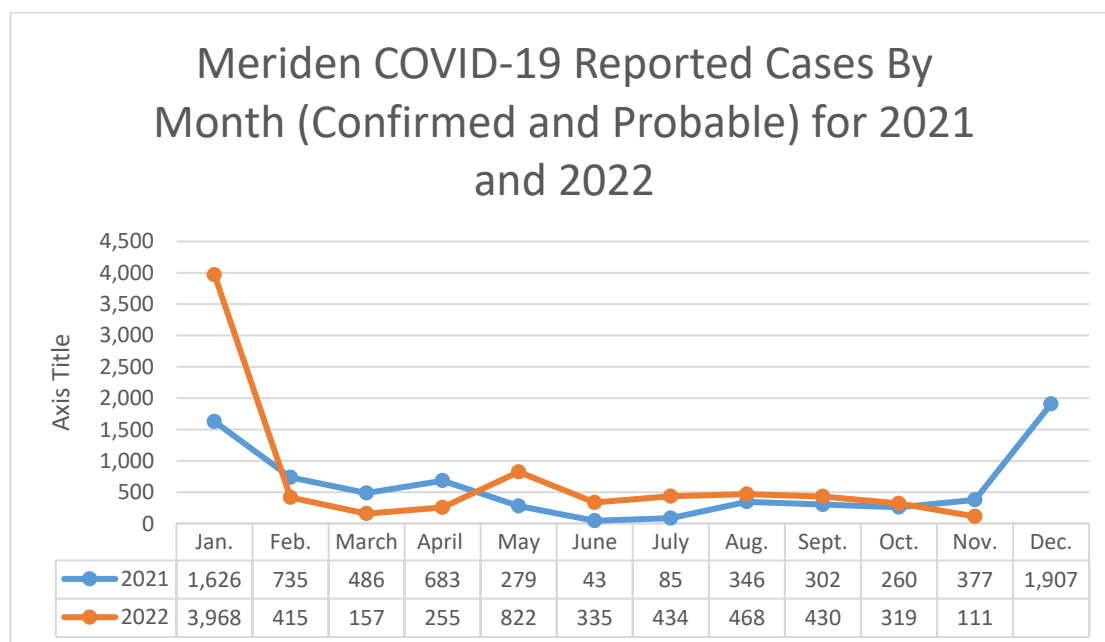
Meriden COVID-19 Weekly Update

November 7 - 11, 2022

From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

As of November 11, 2022	Total Cases in November (lab-confirmed)	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases (Cumulative)	COVID-19 Associated Deaths	Percent Test Positivity	CDC County Transmission Level
	111	19,179	231 confirmed and probable	6.1% (past 7 days)	MEDIUM (New Haven County)

During **MEDIUM** transmission status, if you are at [high risk of getting very sick](#), wear a high-quality [mask or respirator](#) (e.g., N95) when indoors in public. If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them.



COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

October 28, 2022 - Update from the United Way of CT (211): As the COVID-19 pandemic enters a new phase, and in agreement with the CT Department of Public Health, United Way of Connecticut is winding down much of their 211 COVID-specific work. As of the end of this month, they will no longer maintain a list of Connecticut COVID-19 testing locations in the 211 database or on the 211ct.org website.

- List of State Supported Testing Locations: <https://ct.gov/dph/covidtest>
- Testing Questions: **860-509-8000**
- **HOME TEST KITS:** Many brands of COVID-19 home test kits have had an expiration date extension through the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). [Click here for the list of expiration date extensions.](#)
- **HARTFORD HEALTHCARE:** Hartford Healthcare is offering drive-up COVID-19 testing at Midstate Medical Center (435 Lewis Avenue, Meriden) Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be seen. [Make your appointment by clicking here.](#) Or, call 860-972-8100 or 833-621-0600. Testing from 8-9am at every Hartford HealthCare community clinic will be reserved for first responders. Law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters and public works personnel simply need to show their ID at any of Hartford HealthCare's community testing locations to receive the coronavirus PCR test.
- **FREE PCR TESTING SITE:** Wren Laboratories provides a free saliva-based PCR COVID testing site at 13 Orange Street, Meriden on Thursdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays from 9am-12pm. There is no cost for the test; insurance information may be asked for. Please visit <https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/> for any holiday or weather closings. If you have questions or concerns about your test, please email Wren Labs at covid@wrenlaboratories.com

EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19? FOLLOW THIS GUIDANCE

[Quarantine is no longer recommended](#) for those that have been exposed to COVID-19. Here is what you should do if you were exposed, regardless of vaccinations status or if you had a previous infection:

- ✓ Immediately – start wearing a [mask](#) as soon as you find out you were exposed. Start counting from Day 1:
 - ✓ Day 0 is the day of your last exposure to someone with COVID-19
 - ✓ Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure

You can still develop COVID-19 up to 10 days after you have been exposed. Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask, including travel and public transportation settings. Take [extra precautions](#) if you will be around people who are [more likely to get very sick from COVID-19](#).

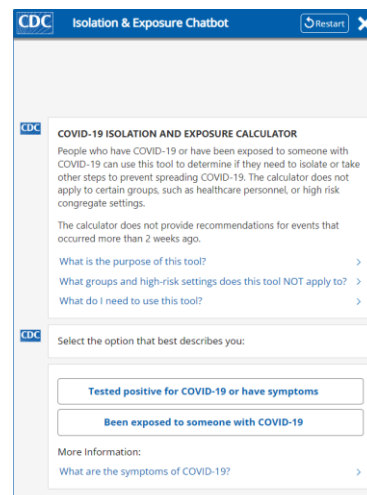
- ✓ Watch for symptoms such as fever (100.4°F or greater), cough, shortness of breath, or [other COVID-19 symptoms](#). **If you develop symptoms** isolate immediately, get tested, and stay home until you know the result. If your test result is positive, follow the [isolation recommendations](#).

- ✓ Get tested at least 5 full days after your last exposure, even if you don't develop symptoms. If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see [specific testing recommendations](#). If you test negative, continue taking precautions through day 10. If you test positive, isolate immediately. You can call our Public Health Educator at 203-630-4288 for guidance.

ISOLATION CALCULATOR

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 – regardless of symptoms and vaccination status – should isolate from others to prevent the spread of the illness.

The CDC's [isolation calculator](#) allows you to determine how long you must isolate if you have COVID-19. It also tells you what precautions to take if you have, or have been exposed to, COVID-19. It's a great tool! If you have questions please call our Public Health Educator at 203-630-4288.

The image shows a screenshot of the CDC's 'Isolation & Exposure Chatbot' interface. The header is blue with the CDC logo and a 'Restart' button. The main content area is white and contains the title 'COVID-19 ISOLATION AND EXPOSURE CALCULATOR'. Below the title, there is a paragraph explaining the tool's purpose: 'People who have COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 can use this tool to determine if they need to isolate or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19. The calculator does not apply to certain groups, such as healthcare personnel, or high risk congregate settings.' It also states: 'The calculator does not provide recommendations for events that occurred more than 2 weeks ago.' There are three expandable sections: 'What is the purpose of this tool?', 'What groups and high-risk settings does this tool NOT apply to?', and 'What do I need to use this tool?'. Below these is a section titled 'Select the option that best describes you:' with two buttons: 'Tested positive for COVID-19 or have symptoms' and 'Been exposed to someone with COVID-19'. At the bottom, there is a 'More information:' section with a link 'What are the symptoms of COVID-19?'.

NEED A COVID-19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER? LOCAL CLINICS and HOMEBOUND VISITS

All of the COVID-19 clinics below are also on the city COVID-19 webpage (Spanish flyers available on the website): <https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/>

A full list of clinics available in Connecticut can be found at <https://www.vaccines.gov/>. Search by zip code and type of vaccine desired. Please call before going to ensure dates, times, and supply is correct.

- **MERIDEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:** We offer the Moderna bivalent vaccine at our flu shot clinics: November 22, December 6 and 27, from 4-6pm each night. Call 203-630-4234 to make your appointment. You can get the flu shot and booster on the same day!
- **HARTFORD HEALTHCARE:** Hartford Healthcare offers COVID-19 vaccine clinics for those age 12 and older at Midstate Medical Center (435 Lewis Avenue, Conference Rooms 1 and 4, Meriden) on *Thursdays and Fridays, 8-11:30am (Pfizer), 12:30-4pm (Moderna)*. This is a drive-up location; please pull your vehicle up to the registration window to check-in. Appointments are recommended; the last walk-in patients will be accepted at 3:45pm; ages 12 years and older, only. [Schedule your vaccine here](#).

- **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:** Meriden's Community Health Center offers COVID-19 vaccination and boosters at 134 State Street on Saturdays from 10:00am – 4:00pm and Sundays from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Community Health Center offers both Moderna and Pfizer, and they vaccinate those age 6 months and over. Wear clothing that is accessible for vaccination in the arm. No appointment needed.
- **HOMEBOUND VISITS:** Are you homebound and in need of a COVID-19 vaccine or booster? Community Health Center is providing homebound vaccinations. You will need to fill out an online form. [CLICK HERE for the form.](#) Or, call us at 203-630-4221 and we can fill out the form for you over the phone. Community Health Center will then contact you to schedule the visit.
- **TRANSPORTATION NEEDS:** If you only need a ride to get a COVID-19 shot, do not fill out the homebound form. You should click on this [Transportation Resources](#) link for help finding a ride.



Free COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Wednesdays, November 9 and 30, 2022

4:00 – 7:00pm

Meriden Public Library

(inside the Meriden Mall at 470 Lewis Avenue, use T.J. Maxx entrance)

No appointment needed – WALK UPS WELCOME!
Ages 6 months to 11 years old & 12+

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be offered.

*** ALL DOSES & BOOSTERS AVAILABLE ***

Please bring a health insurance card and photo ID if you have them, but it is **not necessary** to have health insurance or ID to receive the vaccine. No one will be turned away for lack of insurance or ID.



To find out about our upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics visit: [Griffinhealth.org/vaccination](https://griffinhealth.org/vaccination)



Meriden Department of Health and Human Services

Get the Flu Shot, Not the Flu!

Appointment Only Flu Clinics

165 Miller Street

**October 11, 25
November 8, 22
December 6, 27**

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Child doses are FREE for Meriden children 18 and under.

- We accept Medicare, Medicaid, Aetna, Connecticare and Cigna insurances.
- \$20 for self-pay (\$30 for Flublok), cash or check accepted

Vaccines Available:

- Children – Flumist and Fluzone
- Adults – FluLaval and Flublok
- Adults 65 and older – High Dose Fluzone



To make an appointment, please call our clinic at (203) 630-4234





FREE VACCINATION CLINICS AGES 6 MONTHS +

****WALK IN CLINICS****

1:00pm - 6:00pm

* WILL BE ADMINISTERING 1ST DOSES, 2ND DOSES, AND BOOSTERS
* MINORS MUST HAVE GUARDIAN PRESENT

Wednesday, November 2nd
Wednesday, November 9th
Saturday, November 12th (9am-2pm)
Wednesday, November 16th

284 Washington Street, Wallingford, CT 06492
QUESTIONS? CALL 203.265.5866



MERIDEN COVID-19 VACCINATION DATA

Date	Percent	Change from last week
Fully Vaccinated	75.06	+0.09
Initiated Vaccination	80.48	+0.04
Additional Dose	41.26	+0.08

Meriden Vaccination and [Additional Dose Received](#) by Age Group:

Age Group	Percent with at least one dose (as of 11/9/2022)	Difference since last week (10/26/2022)
Age 0 to 4	7.56	+0.44
Age 5 to 11	40.42	+0.10
Age 12 to 17	82.8	No change
Age 18 to 24	82.74	+0.04
Age 25 to 44	82.13	-.011
Age 45 to 64	90.52	+0.03
Age 65 +	100	No change
Age Group	Fully Vaccinated (as of 11/9/2022)	Difference since last week (10/26/2022)
Age 0 to 4	3.19	+0.55
Age 5 to 11	35.91	+0.10
Age 12 to 17	77.17	+0.03

Age 18 to 24	74.68	+0.06
Age 25 to 44	76.02	-0.07
Age 45 to 64	86.27	+0.11
Age 65+	100	No change
Age Group	Additional Dose Received (as of 11/9/2022)	Difference since last week (10/26/2022)
Age 5 to 11	5.40	+0.02
Age 12 to 17	26.73	+0.04
Age 18 to 24	29.94	+0.06
Age 25 to 44	33.82	No change
Age 45 to 64	56.23	+0.15
Age 65 +	79.56	+0.19

Meriden Vaccination by [Race/Ethnicity](#):

Race/Ethnicity	Percent with at least one dose (as of 11/9/2022)	Difference since last week (10/26/2022)
NH American Indian	36.7	-0.8
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	83.8	-0.1
NH Black	71.2	-0.1
Hispanic	85	No change
NH White	66.9	+0.02
Race/Ethnicity	Fully Vaccinated (as of 11/9/2022)	Difference since last week (10/26/2022)
NH American Indian	32	-0.7
NH Asian or Pacific Islander	76.3	-0.1
NH Black	66.5	-0.1
Hispanic	77.8	+0.1
NH White	64.2	+0.2

SCHOOL UPDATES – COVID-19

Below is a dashboard maintained by Meriden Public Schools on the number of positive students and staff. This includes confirmed tests done in a lab and home tests reported to the school.

For data sets on each school, please [visit the CT Open Data Portal](#). As of November 14, 2022:

Meriden Public Schools COVID Dashboard			
	Positive Staff	Positive Students	
Year Totals	155	340	
Current Totals	4	14	11/14/2022
Finished Totals	151	326	

	Positive Staff	Positive Students	
Year Percentages	1.73%	24.29%	
Current Percentage	0.04%	1.00%	

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING COVID-19 UPDATE

The Connecticut Department of Public Health [data portal](#) has statistics on the impact of COVID-19 in every nursing home in Connecticut. The data portal will be updated weekly, every Thursday afternoon. To access the COVID-19 in Nursing Homes data portal, [click here](#). You can search “Meriden” in the table on this website for the latest updates.

COVID-19 Resident and Staff Impact in CT Nursing Homes

Connecticut nursing homes are required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to report on the impact of COVID-19 on their residents and staff through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). This reporting is intended to reflect recent COVID-19 activity in nursing homes. Data reported here are from NHSN and reflect facility-specific COVID-19 case data in the past week. (1)

Report Period	Town ▲	Nursing Home	Current Census	Number of Resident Confirmed Cases	Number of Resident Confirmed Deaths (2)	Number of Confirmed Staff Cases (3)	Number of Confirmed Staff Deaths (3)
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	CT Baptist Homes Inc.	54	0	0	0	0
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	The Bradley Home	26	0	0	0	0
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	Meriden Center (CT)	107	0	0	0	0
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	Silver Springs Care Center	149	0	0	0	0
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	The Curtis Home	54	22	0	3	0
11/03/2022 - 11/09/2022	Meriden	Apple Rehab Cocomo	90	0	0	0	0

1. Facilities that did not report for this period are not displayed in this table.

2. COVID-19-related resident deaths are defined by NHSN as residents who died from SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) related complications and includes resident deaths in the facility and in other locations, such as an acute care facility, in which the resident with COVID-19 was transferred to receive treatment. NHSN reporting instructions for nursing homes can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html>.

3. Duplication of total count of staff with COVID-19 and/or COVID-related deaths may occur as staff work at multiple facilities during the week. NHSN methodology requires that positive staff be included in the facility count if the positive staff worked on location during the infectious period where a transmission risk could have occurred to residents and other staff.

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INFLUENZA

The flu is here! We are starting to see lab confirmed cases of seasonal influenza – aka “the flu” - in Meriden. Influenza is a respiratory disease that causes symptoms such as cough, runny nose, muscle or headaches, or fatigue. Influenza is the most common in the fall and winter.

Call us at 203-630-4234 to schedule your flu shot.

The Department of Public Health tracks the number of influenza cases in Connecticut per week. [This information is available via public portal](#) and is updated every Thursday. Below are screenshots from this website.



Connecticut Department of Public Health



Weekly Influenza Update

Influenza data are collected year-round, however, data are presented in terms of the respiratory disease 'season' that is October 1st to April 30th.

For additional information go to [CT DPH Influenza Information](#) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [FLUView](#) page.

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Influenza Cases

Previous Complete Week	Current Week (Incomplete)	Season Total to Date
536	516	1,538

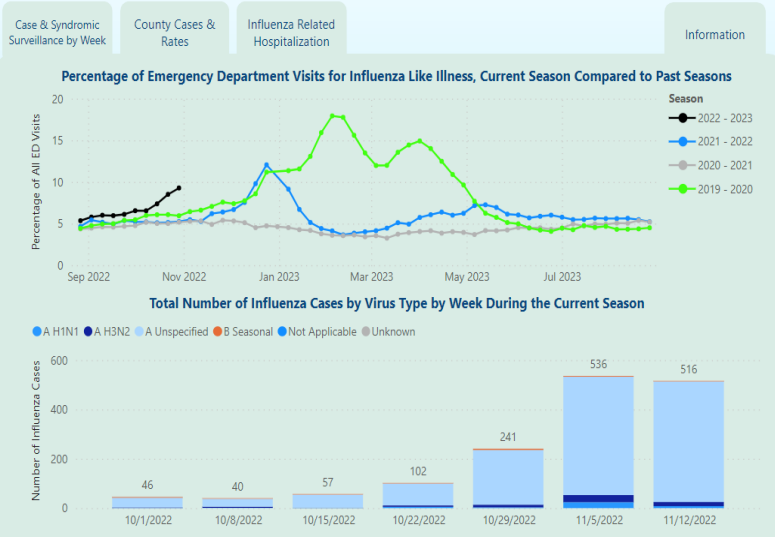
Influenza-associated Hospitalizations

Current Week	Season to Date
2	41

Influenza-associated Deaths

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0	0

Date of last update: 11/10/2022



County Cases and Rates ([second tab on link](#)):



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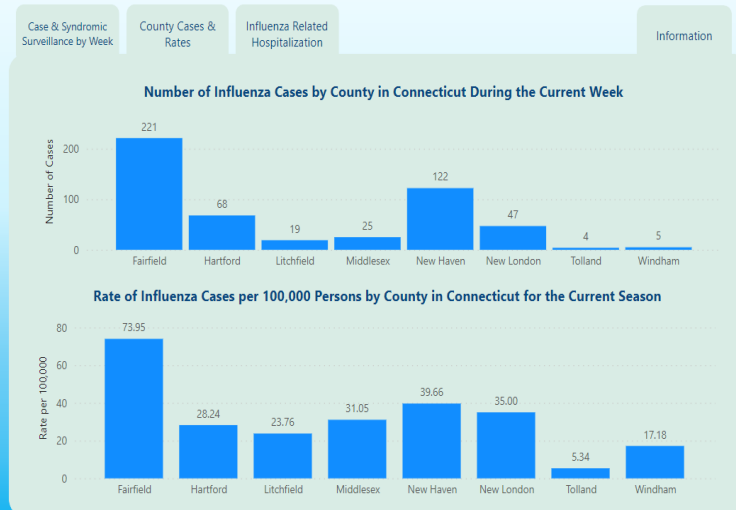
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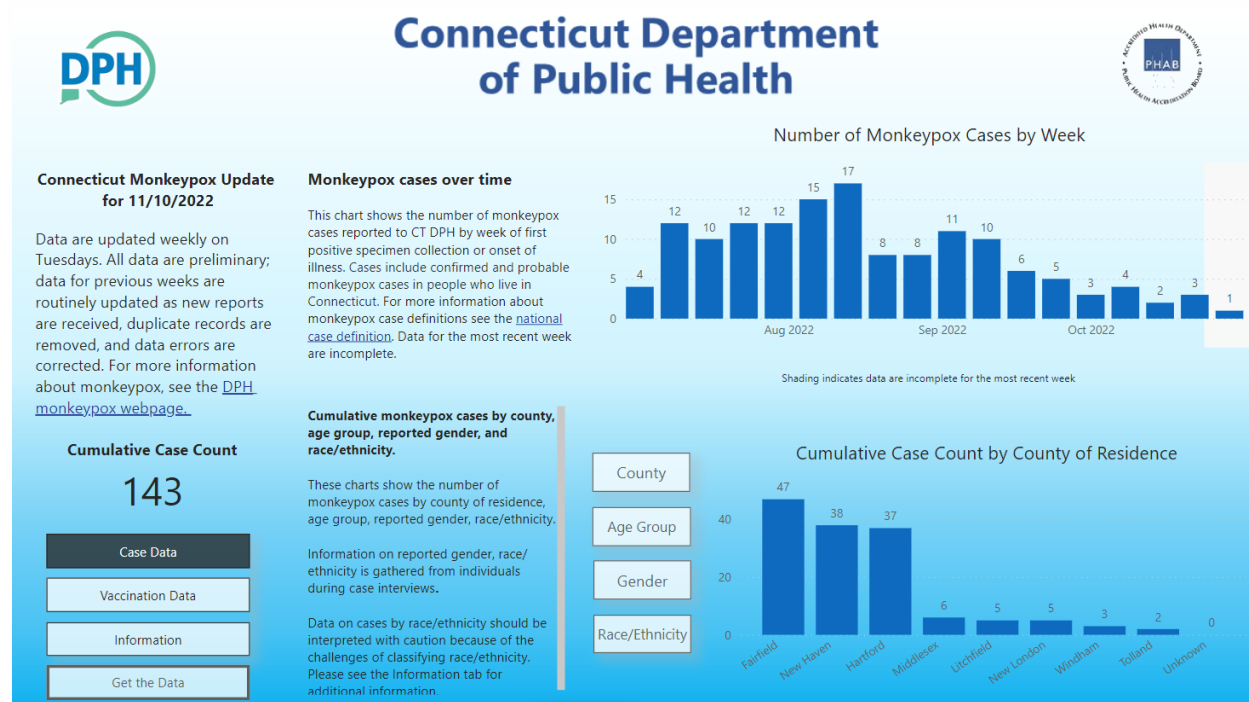
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MONKEYPOX

Beginning in May 2022, cases of monkeypox have been reported in more than 50 countries that don't normally report monkeypox, including the United States. Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses as smallpox. Monkeypox symptoms are similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder; and monkeypox is rarely fatal. Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.

[We have an extensive webpage on monkeypox](#), which includes information on how it is spread and who is eligible for vaccination. [Data and information is also available from the CT Department of Public Health](#). Below is a screenshot of their data portal that is updated every Tuesday. You can view data by county, age group, gender, and race/ethnicity. [Daily case counts can be viewed on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).



RSV – RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

Respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) virus, or RSV, is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially for infants and older adults. RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airway in the lung) and pneumonia (infection of the lungs) in children younger than 1 year of age in the United States.

There is currently a high amount of RSV in Connecticut. There have been approximately 278.33 cases of RSV in the past five weeks. The CDC's National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) tracks, through participating laboratories report weekly to CDC the total number of RSV tests performed that week, and the number of those tests that were

positive. The data can be viewed here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/rsv/state.html#CT>



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